

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, June 27, 2016 @ 7 p.m.

Council President Bill Curtis called the meeting to order in the absence of Mayor John Martin. He then gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was then taken with the following members present: Cooke, Curtis, Myers, Willis, Paramore and Winslow.

Also present: Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, John Chapin and Ellen Simmons

Curtis then asked for approval of the agenda. Paramore made a motion to approve the agenda. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

The minutes from the regular meeting held on June 13, 2016 were then presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Curtis asked for any public questions or statements. Ellen Simmons wanted to let everyone know that the CIC and Rotary Club have paid back over \$10,000 of the money that was borrowed from the railroad fund and that is since November.

Bill Curtis then called for a report from the Administrator.

Water

- Water Plant Improvement Proposals- a pre-proposal conference was held on June 16th @ 10:00 am at the water plants. 5 engineering firms were present. Proposals are due by June 30th.

Wastewater

- SSO Elimination Project – contractor is working on final quantities and pay estimate for completing High Street.

Sanitation

- No major issues.
- Dumpsters rental are busy, all our dumpsters on wheels have been rented.

Street

- Birch Park Drive Project – curbs, sidewalk repairs & drives are complete. Contractor plans on pouring the road Tuesday & Wednesday. Road will remain closed thru July 6th or 7th. Project remains within budget.

Parks Joe Thomas

- New Sites – contractor has completed the directional bore between transformers.
- New propane equipment has been installed at the Reservoir Park & Campground.
- “Rockin the Rez” – will be held July 9th at our Reservoir Park & Campgrounds. Music starts at 2:00 PM – 10:30 PM with Fireworks to follow. Bands are KK Farnsworth Electricity, Roxy Mae, Monica

Robins & the Ninja Cowboys and Toys in the Attic. Entry is \$10.00. For more information please call 419-929-8609.

Other

- Skid Loader – tires had to be replaced.
- LMI Survey (Low to Moderate Income Survey) – results from the LMI survey is 52.74. Please see attached letter. This will allow us to be more competitive on funding possibilities.
- Attached is some information about new billing software called Muni-Link. Right now we have SSI which is becoming more and more out dated and difficult to work.

Marion Paramore asked how long residents were allowed to keep dumpsters at their residence. Shawn Pickworth answered that they kept the dumpsters as long as they were paying rent on them. A discussion followed about whether or not there should be a time limit on how long a dumpster could be kept at the same location, the price of the dumpster and if the price of the dumpsters should be increased. Paramore stated these were all things council needed to look into.

Curtis then asked for a report from the Water/Sewer Dept. John stated that since Shawn had brought up Muni-Link in his report he wanted to add that the village had met with them several times and one of the nice things about the program is that it is in the Cloud so there would be no IT problems or hardware issues. The number of users is unlimited. John also stated that customers will be able to choose to receive their bills via email and text and up to eight different ways per account. He also stated the Village would see a cost savings by using this program. John also stated they are still working on their harmful algae program. They have contingency plans in place and he would have more to follow at a later day. John then said they met with engineers like Shawn mentioned. They did a tour and it went very well. Also, the water/sewer employees along with Timmy and Shawn replaced the storm sewer going across Eastman's from the road to the back of their property. The water/sewer employees also put in a storm sewer on Minor Road. There was a leak on Coleman Court that was fixed and they put a new line in out on Sectionline. They also plan on doing a small replacement project with some water lines at the back entrance to the park. They will start that soon because they want to get it done before Labor Day. John also noted they received written permission from the Ohio EPA for another 50% reduction in staffing. This is because water plant one and water plant two are within 100 feet of one another. New London is the only place in the state of Ohio that has that situation. Lastly, John wanted to mention that on July 10, the day after Rockin the Rez, the fire department will host Spill on the Hill at 10 a.m.

Ellen Simmons stated she would like to add something about that day. At 1:00 p.m. the historical society will have a dedication ceremony for a beautiful new sign that will be put on the southern side of the village on Route 60. The sign says New London and it talks about the original settler Mr. Corey and the fact that New London was once known as the Ferret Capital of the World. This sign was received through a grant.

Curtis then asked for a report from Street/Sanitation. Don Patton absent.

Curtis then called for a report from the Recreation Department. Joe Thomas absent.

Bill Curtis then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated since we passed Ordinance 2016-04 to create a Volunteer Peace Officers Dependents Fund we need to establish a Dependent's Fund Board. Two members need to be appointed by council, two members appointed by the police department and one member is to be selected by the other members of the board and must be a registered voter. There is a cost through the State of Ohio for this. Every police department has to do this. Chief anticipates the cost to

the village will be approximately \$350. Chief would like council to start considering this. Chief also stated Saturday, June 25 they had some police department training that was held in Council Chambers.

There was nothing to report for Ambulance.

Bob James was absent so there was nothing to report for zoning.

Bill Curtis then presented Ordinance 16-06 – An Ordinance Amending the Range of Pay Provisions contained in the Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Cooke made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 16-06 to be passed on an Emergency Measure. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Winslow, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes; Cooke, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes. No one opposed.

Bill Curtis then called for Old Business – None.

Bill Curtis then called for New Business. Bill Curtis read a proclamation from Mayor John Martin proclaiming July 15, 2016 as New London Public Library Day.

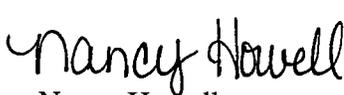
Ellen Simmons then stated they would be celebrating that day with an ice cream social at the library from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

There was then a discussion about the old flagpole at the military memorial. They have new flagpoles there now. The idea is to take the old flagpole out to the recreation park. Eventually what the park board would like to do is move all the memorial stones that are scattered here and there and put them in an area and make a little garden area by the depot and put the flagpole in that area.

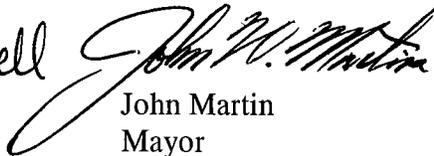
Winslow asked where we stood on hiring the new water employee that the village had advertised for. Shawn Pickworth stated they had been very busy the last few weeks but they were going to move forward and get the position filled in July.

Bill Curtis then presented the monthly bills for approval. Paramore made a motion to approve the bills. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; no one opposed.

Curtis made a motion to adjourn. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



John Martin
Mayor